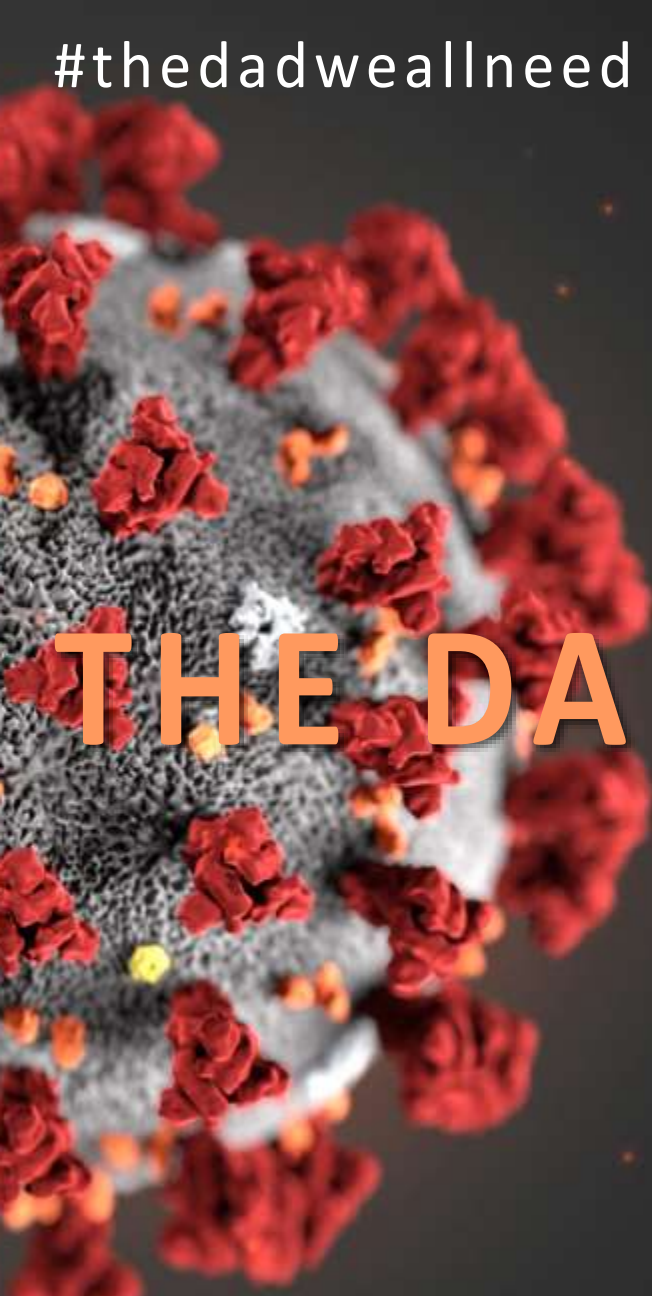


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## Why say Abba (Dad)

*Abba is a very familiar name for God, literally meaning “father” and is one who combines aspects of supernatural authority and care for his people (kids) — ‘Father.’ (Dad)*

## *Jesus did...*

Mark 14:35–36 - 36 And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

*Paul encouraged us to...twice*

Romans 8:15 - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Galations 4:6–7) - And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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***Webster says: a  
“misconception” is a wrong or  
inaccurate idea or belief  
concerning something***

***...and there is nothing worse  
than a misconception in the  
church or in the life of a  
believer.***



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*One of the highest forms of  
courage in the Kingdom is  
to let God be the one who  
defines your reality and who  
you really are*

*...because Gods character and  
principles never bend to fit our  
own narrative or our own  
comfort in the way we think.*

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Luke 15:11-32 - The Prodigal Son (ESV)

11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

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14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’

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18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'



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22 But the father said to his servants,  
'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on  
him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes  
on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf  
and kill it and let us eat and celebrate.  
24 For this my son was dead, and is alive  
again; he was lost, and is found.' And they  
began to celebrate. 25 "Now his older son  
was in the field, and as he came and drew  
near to the house, he heard music and  
dancing.

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26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends

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30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ”

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Luke 15:13 - Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and There he squandered his property  
In reckless living.

*This is a Journey we all  
have taken, and some  
could possibly still be on it*



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Luke 15:14 - And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

*When we are bent on doing things apart from God and our own way, things usually don't get better.*

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Luke 15:17 - But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

**Misconception - # 1**

***God's view of me changes when I mess up***

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*The son is already expecting some loss and a less than great response from the “Dad”*

Romans 5:6–11

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son...

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Luke 15:20 - And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

**Misconception # 2**

***God really doesn't understand my humanness and how weak I can be at times***



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*Jesus, your big brother and your advocate, can totally relate to you in every circumstance you face*

Hebrews 4:14–16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Luke 15:21 - And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

**Misconception # 3**

***Even after we are in right standing with God, we will almost always still self identify as a "slave" rather than a "Son"***

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*Lots of times we feel like God just kind of tolerates us out of an obligation because of what Jesus did on the cross*

John 17:22 -The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

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**Misconception # 4**

***We always feel like we need do something to earn our way or clean up in some way as we approach God.***



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*You can't do anything or clean up enough to earn any part of your salvation, and God does complete pardons...not parole*

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23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it **and let us eat and celebrate**. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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**This verse says everything about “identity”... who you are to God (Abba) through Jesus.**

**Maybe...it would be really good to recognize; that in this young man’s worst moment...the “Dad” says, it’s a perfect time to have a party.**

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Luke 15:21 25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.

*Do you guys sense or read any  
resentment, judgment or accusation  
from the servant?*



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## **MISCONCEPTION # 5**

***We live like we are under accusation all the time,  
and almost always from our own self talk...***

Colossians 1:23 - if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister above reproach, that no one can even bring an accusation about you, it won't even be heard.

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Luke 15:28 - But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!

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## *MISCONSEPTION # 6*

*God views your salvation has being  
secondary to your good works*

*God (Abba) never intended for you  
to find your identity in what you do  
...even in your service to him.*

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**Matthew 3:13–17**

17...this is my beloved son of whom I am well pleased.

**John 6:28-29**

29 This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.

**Luke 10:17-20**

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”



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Luke 15:31-32 - And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

*What both boys missed was that the "Dad" was the prize. Our "peace" and all he has is ours, if we stay in close proximity to Him.*

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